



Regional Water Management Group **Monday, December 4, 2023, 1:30 pm**

Notice and agenda for the regular meeting of the
Madera Regional Water Management Group.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
that the Madera RWMG meeting will be held
VIA Teleconference:

AGENDA

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1. Opening
 - A. Flag Salute (Jacob Roberson)
 - B. Introductions (Everyone)
2. Review & Approval - Agenda & Minutes
 - A. Approval of December 4, 2023, Agenda
 - B. Approval of October 23, 2023, Minutes

3. Public Comment

The first 15 minutes of each regular meeting is set aside for members of the public to comment on any item within the jurisdiction of the Group, but not appearing on the agenda. Items presented under public comment may not be discussed or acted upon by the Group at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to comment at the time the item is called for consideration by the Group. Any person addressing the Group under public comment will be limited to a 3-minute presentation to ensure that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak. Also, all persons addressing the Group must state their name and county of residence for the record.

Items of Interest (Jacob Roberson)

- CAL FIRE is now accepting applications for its FY 2023 – 2024 Wildfire Prevention Grants Program. This program has been allocated up to \$117 million. Applications are due no later than January 10th at 3 pm.

Project types and activities include:

- Hazardous Fuels Reduction
- Wildfire Prevention Planning
- Wildfire Prevention Education

To learn more about this funding opportunity and to apply, please [click here](#).

- The Central Valley Water Board is inviting interested parties to attend its upcoming Management Zone Implementation Plan staff workshop on December 7th from 1 pm – 4 pm. The purpose of this meeting is for the Central Valley Water Board to provide an update on CV-SALTS Nitrate Control Program Implementation, for Management Zones to provide an overview of the Management Zone Implementation Plans, and to gather input and comments from those who attend.

A meeting agenda will be provided prior to the meeting. Spanish language interpretation services will be provided for the webinar via Zoom.

Written comments on the Management Zone Implementation Plans are due no later than December 22nd.

For more information, including how to attend the webinar, please [click here](#).

- DWR recently released its [Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation: A Guide to Annual Reports, Periodic Evaluations, and Plan Amendments](#). This document provides guidance to GSAs preparing these documents under SGMA and the GSP Regulations. They also recently released a [Frequently Asked Questions and Available Resources](#) document that provides commonly asked questions and answers about Annual Reports, Periodic Evaluations, and GSP Amendments.

These two documents along with other guidance documents can be found on DWR's [Best Management Practices and Guidance Documents website](#). Additional information that explains the GSP evaluation process can be found in [DWR's SGMA Plan Evaluation Pathways Fact Sheet](#).

- Applications for the CAL FIRE Forest Health Grant Program are currently being accepted through January 15th. This program funds landscape-scale land management projects that restore forest health and disaster resilience, protect upper watersheds, and promote long-term storage of carbon in forest trees and soils through reforestation and reduction of forest overcrowding and pests.

[Click here](#) for more information.

- The USDA Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program is currently open and has a rolling deadline (first come, first served). This program provides technical and financial assistance to plan and implement authorized watershed project plans for the purposes of flood prevention, watershed protection, public restoration, etc.

For more information, please [click here](#).

- The comment period is now open for the California Water Commission's draft white paper, "[Potential State Strategies for Protecting Communities and Fish and Wildlife in the Event of Drought](#)". Public comments can be made by submitting them to cwc@water.ca.gov through December 15th. The draft white paper covers four key strategies for augmenting California's communities' and fish and wildlife species' when it comes to drought resilience:
 - Scale up groundwater recharge
 - Conduct watershed-level planning to reduce drought impacts to ecosystems
 - Better position communities to prepare for and respond to drought emergencies
 - Support improved coordination, information, and communication in drought and non-drought years

The Commission will present its final white paper to the Secretaries for Agriculture, Environmental Protection, and Natural Resources for their consideration. A final draft of the white paper will be submitted for Commission approval in January 2024.

4. Review & Approval
 - A. November Financial Report (Carl Janzen)
 - B. Madera RWMG 2024 Budget (Jacob Roberson)
5. Review & Approval – Madera RWMG 2024 Meeting Calendar (Jacob Roberson)
6. Discussion – Draft Bylaw Updates (Jacob Roberson)
7. Discussion – Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement Funding
 - A. San Joaquin Valley (Becky Horn)
 - Projects 12 and 13
8. Discussion – Proposition 1 – IRWM Implementation Grant
 - A. Mountain Counties
 - Indian Lakes (Fahed Mosleh)
 - B. San Joaquin Valley Counties
 - Parkwood (Fahed Mosleh)
 - City of Madera (Keith Helmuth)
 - City of Chowchilla (Jason Rogers)
9. Discussion – SGMA Implementation Grant (Gretchen Heisdorf)

10. Discussion – Drought Working Group (Jenny Nunez-Rodriguez)
11. Discussion – 2024 Madera RWMG Officer Nominations (Jacob Roberson)
12. Discussion – IRWM Round 2 Application (Kim Sandoval)
13. Discussion – IRWM 20-Year Anniversary Success Video (Jacob Roberson)
14. New or Suggested Memberships to RWMG (All)
15. Future Agenda Items (All)
16. Next Meeting Time – Monday, January 22, 2024, at 1:30 pm on Zoom
17. Adjourn